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REWARD OF MERIT.

According to the verified reports from both national conventions this is the year when the Fourth Estate comes into its own by recognition from a grateful public. The honor is rather belated but it must be admitted that it is coming in great gobs now with the result that other professions are likely to grow green with envy at the complacent lavished on the state makers of the United States. There was a time when the lowly scribbler and the energetic pounder of the typewriter was not a factor of any consequence in the deliberations of the great parties. However, a change has come over the dreams of the men seeking presidential timber for they are showing rare judgment in selecting candidates who have been moulding public opinion all their lives and therefore naturally are supposed to be more or less familiar with the enormous responsibilities of the highest office in the land. There was a time when none but the man with training in the law had a look in at the honors of a national convention and the newspapermen were relegated to the high chairs on the platform where they were to be seen without having a voice in the deliberations. The jawbone exponents of the law were always pushed to the front through the excessive and characteristic modesty of the pencil wielders who always served in an impersonal capacity in the sessions. The change is significant of the revision of public sentiment which has come to recognize the authority of the men who sit quietly in their sanctums and dictate party policies without any one ever thinking of giving them the least credit. The curtain has been torn aside and it is evident that the best thoughts of the nation are actuated by the different editors whose writing engage the attention of millions of readers every issue. What's more to the point the men on whom the mantle of greatness has fallen include those who began with the lowly office of devil and who climbed the ladder of fame from jeffing for the beer to sticking type, inking rollers and so on up to the pinnacle of greatness, the swivel tripod of editorial management. There is W. G. Harding, for instance, who rose to the eminence of representing his constituents in the U. S. Senate. He owns and conducts a paper of his own at Marion, Ohio, which will become one of the shrines of politicians during the next six months and he is proud of the fact that he earned every dollar represented by the investment. Carter Glass began life as a reporter on the virile Lynchburg Daily News, where he remained until ensnared by the law he fell from grace and entered the legal field where his newspaper training soon made him famous. Gilbert M. Hitchcock succeeded William Jennings Bryan in the management of the Omaha World Herald where he scored an instantaneous success paving the way to the presidential nomination on a thirsty platform. James Middleton Cox, the only real rival of Mr. Harding, began hustling assignments on a police run for the Cincinnati Enquirer and thus laid the foundation of a fortune which entitles him to be known as a near candidate for the presidency when he bought the Dayton News and the Springfield News as a means of disseminating his ideas. Billy Bryan recognized the folly of devoting too much grey matter to a daily publication and drifted to the weekly field where he found more money and leisure to pursue his other hobby of politics. Edwin T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, owns the most influential farm paper in the middle west where he thinks nothing of burning the midnight oil while he types instructions to his farmer constituents on how to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew when the hay crop was not worth cutting. As a final reminder of the power of the press it is well to say a word for Secretary Daniels, he of the navy, who also claims the distinction of earning his daily bread in the arduous capacity of boosting President Wilson for a third term.

PLACING THE BLAME.

This recent epidemic of price cutting for certain commodities appears to be causing manufacturers a good deal of mental anguish and the filing of frantic assertions that there are no such animals as cheaper goods. These manufacturers declare that it was a great mistake to hurry the decline, meaning probably that they had hoped to cash in on the high prices for at least another season. On the other side of the fence the retailers say the manufacturers have no one else to blame but themselves and that they killed the hen of the golden egg by overfeeding; that is by filling the stores too full of merchandise. They cried "shortage, shortage" which had the same effect on the trade as the cry of "wolf" had on the fabled village folk. To meet the danger they bought and bought until the point was reached where they were simply compelled to unload at cut prices and that is where the shoe is pinching the manufacturer and where it is going to continue to pinch him.

GO GETTERS AFTER A SCALP.

The Housewives League of California is asking for a showdown. At San Francisco they are asking Mitchell Palmer what he meant when he announced that he had his heel on the neck of the profiteer and was squeezing prices downward. The attorney general would never had made any headway with his presidential aspirations but for the brave showing he made in his words of promise to attack high prices. The Palmer boom is entirely the result of the battle against the high cost of living. If he had won, his nomination would have been assured. But, as nothing happened except a general stiffening up of the high price line it would seem that he was entitled to no more than the usual rewards of the unsuccessful warrior. Which might mean either the ax or the hook. Tough but just. Mitchell doubtless meant well, but it was a bigger task than he could complete. Like many another he hit off more than he could chew and is not entitled to high reward.

Doherty's dalliance with the Democratic bosses is tinged with dollar diplomacy, according to the shrewd analysis of unprejudiced reporters who state that the oil magnate is intent on forcing in-

tervention to insure title to the oil lands he acquired from Mexicans under the precarious regimes of several spiggoty presidents. Wilson kept us out of war with Mexico but, should he or any of his chieftains be elected the country would quickly find that the oil interests of Tampico will have something to say about establishing American titles to lands held under Mexican grants.

HIGH PRICES FOR WILD ANIMALS

(Correspondence of Associated Press) BERLIN, June 15.—Like every thing else in Germany, the price of wild animals has soared sky high. An elephant costs 80,000 marks as against the former price of 7,500. A lion skin now brings 1,000 marks, which is more than a living lion used to cost. Owing to the great expense it is out of the question to replenish Germany's zoos except by breeding and the keepers of the various zoos throughout Germany are cooperating in making their charges.

Y. W. C. A. OPENS A HOME IN RIO

(Correspondence Associated Press) RIO DE JANEIRO, June 7.—The Young Women's Christian Association has opened a branch in this city and started its initial membership campaign. The campaign is being conducted by a committee of ten women mostly Americans, who say they expect to enroll 500 Brazilian girls and women.

WARNING TO PARENTS

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